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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Oxford Baptist Association

—HELD WITH THE—

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH,

At Harrison, Tallahatchie County, Miss.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 AND 13, 1902.

OFFICERS:

H. L. JOHNSON, MODERATOR. A. T. BOBO, CLERK.

W. W. DICKENS, TREASURER.

Order of Business.

1. Call for petitionary letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive reports of messengers.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Appoint a Finance Committee.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Receive reports of Standing Committees.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Receive report of Finance Committee.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Appoint Place of next Meeting.
15. Appoint Brother to preach Introductory Sermon.
16. Miscellaneous.
17. Call and Correct Roll and read Minutes.
18. Adjourn.

DIRECTORY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

T. A. Tubbs, W. E. Hudson, J. H. Gowen, J. M. Davis, J. W. Higginbotham, Cleveland McElroy, Mrs. A. A. Burnett, J. A. Woodruff, J G. Hill, E. W. Barton, C. P. Burkhalter, A. J McKee, W. I. Hargis, D. C. Perkins, S. L. Shepherd, Thomas Draper, Terry Box, J. D. Woodruff, W. C. Haise, D. D. Shuck and J. L. Sisk.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

H. B. Gowen, H. W. Rockett, I. H. Lowrey, E. G. Gowen and John Walgren.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—H. W. Rockett and E. W. Barton.
Home Missions—N. W. P. Bacon and J. V. Aldridge.
Foreign Missions—P. H. Lowrey and Terry Box.
Sunday Schools—J. R. Taylor and J. L. Sisk.
Woman's Work—D. D. Shuck and S. R. Lamb.
Publications—A. A. Lomax and F. A. Lamb.
Orphanage—D. C. Perkins and E. A. Jennings.
Education—W. I. Hargis and W. K. Oliver.
Sustentation—J. W. Higginbotham and W. H. Carder.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

H. W. Rockett, Harrison; E. D. Rowe, Harrison; W. D. House, Water Valley; T. C. Brown, Oxford; W. H. Carder, Harrison; W. L. Hudson, Nolen; N. W. P. Bacon, Oxford; W. I. Hargis, University; Terry Box, Pine Valley; A. A. Lomax, Batesville; W. H. Geddens; D. D. Shuck, Water Valley; H. L. Johnson, Water Valley; C. G. Blount, Water Valley; J. R. Taylor, Taylor.

LICENTIATES.

B. L. McKee, Water Valley.

FIRST DAY.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its thirty-third annual Session with the Bethany Church, at Harrison, Miss., September 11, 1902.

At 10 o'clock a.m. the Association was conducted to order by Bro. H. L. Johnson, Moderator.

Devotional Services were called by Rev. T. J. Bailey who read II. Kings 11: 1-9. The congregation sang, "I Love Thy Kinghom Lord," Prayers by Brethren J. M. Davis and H. L. Finley. The Association then proceeded to business, F. A. Lamb, the former clerk, being absent, W. I. Hargis was made clerk pro tem. J. W. Higginbotham and D. D. Shuck were appointed reading clerks, and letters from the following churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Big Springs—T. L. Boydston, W. E. Hudson, Miss Essie Barton and Miss Ida Hudson.

Bethel—J. M. Davis.

Bethany—H. W. Rockett, I. H. Lowrey and John Walgren.

Clear Creek—Cleveland McElroy, R. G. Hewlett, Jr.

Concord—J. M. Tatum, E. S. Moore, J. W. Higginbotham.

Courtland—Mrs. Alice Burnett.

Good Hope—F. A. Lamb, B. B. McCullough, J. H. Woodruff.

Liberty Hill—J. G. Hill, S. N. Waters, A. L. Snyder.

Mt. Gilead—E. W. Barton, Robert Patton.

Mt. Pisgah—J. R. Garland, C. P. Burkhalter.

New Liberty—John Scott, Gant Brister.

Oxford—W. I. Hargis.

Panola—D. C. Perkins, S. R. Lamb, W. W. Dickens, A. T. Bobo.

Paris—S. L. Shepherd.

Pilgrim's Rest—Thomas Draper, Miss Maggie Johnson.

Shady Grove—R. C. McKenna, Terry Box.

Tocowa—J. D. Woodruff.

Union—W. R. Gore, W. C. Haise, R. C. Henry.

Water Valley—D. D. Shuck, H. L. Johnson.

Yocona—R. H. McElroy, J. R. Taylor, J. L. Sisk.

The hour for the associational sermon having arrived, Bro. D. D. Shuck preached, text, Luke 16: 7. Theme, "What does the world owe to Baptists." Prayer by Bro. A. A. Lomax.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock. Benediction by Bro. H. L. Finley.

Afternoon Session.

Association assembled at 2 p. m., singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by Bro. W. W. Dickens.

On motion the association proceeded to elect officers for this Session: H. L. Johnson was elected Moderator, A. T. Bobo clerk and W. W. Dickens Treasurer.

The order of business for last sesson was adopted for this. The pastor and deacons of Bethany Church and Brethren E. W. Barton and D. C. Perkins were appointed as committee on devotional services.

Bro. A. A. Lomax made application for Antioch Church to be reinstated, the request was granted and Sister Sallie B. Bius was enrolled as delegate. Brethren T. J. Bailey, Editor of the Baptist, W. L Finley, Missionary and Colporter for North Mississippi and W. M. Farmer, of Coldwater association, were recognized and invited to seats with us.

The following messengers to corresponding bodies re-

ported to-wit: J. W. Higginbotham, A. A. Lomax and Terry Box from the State Convention. By request of Bro. D. D. Shuck, Bro. T. J. Bailey reported from the Southern Baptist Convention. The Moderator appointed B. B. McCullough, T. L. Boydston and D. C. Perkins a committee on finance.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The work of our women needs no commendation at our hands, it speaks for itsself. The Baptist women of the South through their organized work have given in the last thirteen years, $704,581.00. Last year they gave $54,776.52 in cash besides boxes sent to Missionaries valued at $33,353.55. We have more than 2,000 Woman's Aid Societies in our Southern Zion and the number is increasing rapidly as the years come and go. We bid them God speed. They are doing a great work. The money raised by them is not the chief nor the greatest factor in their labor of love. They are an example to the brethren, an inspiration to the pastors, a stimulus to the churches and, under God, a blessing to the world. We earnestly entreat them to persevere until there shall be a working *Aid Society* in every church in our Association. Secondly, until there shall be completed, an Associational organization which through its messengers shall meet with us in our annual gatherings. When all our women become enlisted in spreading the gospel, caring for the orphans, reading Mission Literature, and in teaching and helping in our Sabbath Schools final victory will not be far away.

God in heaven hasten the day!

Respectfully Submitted

ALEX A. LOMAX,
B. B. MCCULLOUGH.
Committee.

Speech by Bro. Alex A. Lomax.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The power of the press as a moulder of public opinion

has long since been recognized. A political party with no strong and influential paper to champion its cause could hardly exist, much less succeed.

Judges of courts, in some instances, have excluded newspaper reporters from the bar during the trial of criminal cases, lest their too often distorted and exaggerated reports should prove prejudicial to the one on trial. In this the power of the press for evil is recognized.

Every good cause may be greatly helped by having a strong and wisely conducted paper to champion its interests. Hence the general work of the denomination in any state is helped forward by its state paper more than by any other single agency. Therefore the need of its being in as many homes as possible. The Foreign Mission work of the denomination is greatly helped by the Foreign Mission Journal. The Home Field is intended to supply the information needed in regard to the Home Mission work.

In the Orphanage Gem, we have a splendid medium of information concerning the Baptist orphanage at Jackson, Miss. Added to these, for the general reading, and broader information concerning our denominational progress, doctrines and practices, we have many excellent papers, and other publications, whose mission is more cosmopolitan, and is not bound by state lines.

Your Committee would make special mention of the numerous tracts, the purpose of which is to give information concerning our Mission work, which can be had for the asking, and which should be more generously distributed by pastors.

No one need be without religious and denominational books for the home. For large numbers, and at lower prices than ever before, are issuing from the presses.

The Bible, the best of all books, and the cheapest, real value considered, should be in the hands of every child old enough to read. For the safety of our youth, depends upon a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and an adherence to their teachings.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend a more general reading of the Bible, our state paper, The Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the Orphanage Gem.

We would also recommend the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for Baptist Sunday Schools.

W. I. HARGIS.

Discussed by Brethren T. J. Bailey, W. W. Dickens and A. A. Lomax. Report adopted. Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

At 7.30 o'clook p. m. Bro. T. J. Bailey preached an edifying sermon. Text, Hebrews 12: 10 Theme, The Christian Race.

SECOND DAY.

Morning Session, Friday, September 12th. 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. J. R. Taylor.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Bro. A. A. Lomax spoke earnestly of the condition and work of this association.

Clear Creek Church unanimously selected as the place for next meeting. H. W. Rockett was appointed to preach associational sermon.

Bro. H. L. Finley reported Yellow Leaf Church in good condition and delegates prevented from being present by circumstances beyond their control.

Bro. Terry Box reported Pisgah in a low spiritual condition and without a Pastor.

REPORT ON STATE MISSONS.

State Missions as distinguished from Home and For-

eign Mission, has reference to work done within the borders of the state.

The work of the State Mission Board is to supply, as far as possible, the destitution within the state, help weak churches at important centers, stimulate more generous giving to all Missions, and every interest fostered by the denomination, by cultivating a broader charity at home first. State Missions lie at the very foundation of all missionary operations. The disciples were to first preach the gospel at Jerusalem, then in India, and farther out in Samaria, and finally to the uttermost parts of the earth.

It is like dropping a pebble into a quiet, smooth lake which disturbs the surface of the lake setting in motion a number of concentric waves, which widening out finally reach the shore. Having enlisted the churches in state missions, it is not hard to enlist them in Home and Foreign Missions. This is the scriptural order. First home obligations, and then more distant obligations, the latter being the logical outcome of the former.

During the past year there have been at work under the State Board about 50 Missionaries. Through their labors 1073 were baptized. The Board assisted in building 34 houses of worship, at a cost of $24,500, and 23 Sunday Schools were organized. Number of stations occupied, 136; Bibles and Testaments distributed 656; Number of pages of tracts distributed 26.000.

But it cannot be expressed in words and figures the great good accomplished through the agency of State Missions.

Respectfully,

H. B. GOWEN.

After general discussion the report was adopted. Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Bro. Box.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sang "How Firm a Foundation," prayer by Bro. Carder.

The Moderator appointed an apportionment committee as follows: W. E. Hudson, H. B. Gowen, J. M. Davis, J. W. Higginbotham, Cleveland McElroy, Mrs. Alice A. Burnett, J. A. Woodruff, J. G. Hill, E. W. Barton, C. P Burkhalter, A. J. McKee, W. I. Hargis, D. C. Perkins, S. L. Shepherd, Miss M. J. Johnson, Terry Box, J. D. Woodruff, W. C. Haise, D. D. Shuck, J. L. Sisk and Mrs. Sallie B. Bius, with W. I. Hargis chairman

Mrs. Jessie Martin of Water Valley was elected Vice President of the Ladies Aid Society for this association.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS AND REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

During the last conventional year, we had 1,439 baptisms in foreign fields, a larger number than in any previous year. We collected and expended $173,439.49, the largest amount ever raised in one year before. The Board sent out 20 new Missionaries. We have now 115 missionaries, and 171 native assistants, making 286 workers in all. We have 7 Theological Training Schools, two in China, one in Africa, one in Mexico, one in Rome, and two in Brazil, where our native preachers are being trained for efficient work.

The Board distributed during the year 750,000 tracts. These tracts are sent free to any church or individual upon application. In China a wonderful change for the better is taking place. The late trouble there instead of being a setback to Missions has given an impetus to our work. The conduct of the native Christians during that trying ordeal has called the attention of the people to Christianity as probably nothing else could have done. In Africa nearly three times as many baptisms were reported as in any preceding year.

In Japan, the people almost as a nation, are willing to listen to the claims of Christianity, and even in their national colleges Christian scholars are allowed to present the claims of the Bible to the students with the approbation of the government. In Mexico our missionaries are in full sympathy and harmony and the work is moving smoothly. Our work is making steady progress in Italy. In Rome we have Baptist

preaching in our own respective house under the shadow of the Vatican, the Pope's palace, and the old man is very much disquieted at the progress of evangelism in the "Eternal City." Our work in Brazil is progressing so rapidly that our workers can scarcely keep up with the advance, and they are continually calling for more men. Every year of our work has seen an advance over the preceding one. In the convention at Ashville last May, it was decided to raise $217,000 for this year's work of which $13,000 was apportioned to Mississippi. We have large room yet before we can count up to the measure of our privileges and duty. For any information about the conditions and needs of our work we refer you to Brethren A. V. Rowe of Mississippi and R. J. Willingham of Virginia.

H. W. ROCKETT.

Some Baptists do not know the difference between State and Home Missions; but think they are one and the same. The Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located in Atlanta, Georgia, F. C. McConnell is the secretary. It has for its field of operations all of the Southern, the South Western States, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba.

During the last conventional year Mississippi gave to this Board in cash $4,465.30 and in the value of boxes sent to missionaries on the field $1,006.20, an increase over last year in cash of $366, and an increase in the value of boxes sent of $189.92. The Home Board does not do any independent work in our State; but during the last year, in conjunction with our State Board, employed 15 missionaries, paying $2,350. Your committee realizing the fact that our people are sadly ignorant on the line of Mission work, and especially so in regard to the work and the needs of the Home Board, recommend and earnestly urge that every pastor in the bounds of this Association, some time during the year, prepare and deliver, to every one of their congregations, a sermon on the work and the needs of the Home Board, and take a special collection for this work. Send to our State

Secretary, stating that it is for the Home Board. Bro. Rowe, our beloved and efficient Secretary, in his admirable annual report to the State Convention at Water Valley at the close of what he had to say in regard to the Board, used these words: "The Board asks for larger contributions, that it may meet the responsibilities with which it is charged; and we must earnestly ask our people of Mississippi to make this the greatest year in Home Mission Work."

Respectfully Submitted

W. W. DICKENS.
For Committee.

These two reports were discussed together and many good things said by the speakers.

SPEECH OF H. W. ROCKETT ON MISSIONS REPORTS.

Brother Moderator:

One feature of the question has been passed over unnoticed by the brethren who have preceded me in the discussion of this subject:

I mean the reflex influence of Mission work on the churches themselves. Mission work is not any more a question of life and death to the heathen than it is a question of life and death to the churches. It is a law of God that the life of a church can consist in her activity in Mission work as much as it is his law, that in the sweat of his brow a man must eat bread. Christ instituted his church for one supreme purpose laid down in the great commission that is to proclaim Christ to the world. If she fail in this then her life is purposeless and useless, and she is fit only "to be cast out and be trodden under foot of men—death.

There is no law clearer than this written all through the New Testament and no doom more inevitable than that she must die.

My watch was made to keep time and I bought it that I might know the time. Suppose it does not keep time, to what use can it be put? I cannot eat it; I cannot cloth myself with it; I cannot use it to make my environment more

pleasant or comfortable; it has failed of the purpose for which it was made, and hence has become useless. So has the non-working church. We have an impressive example of this in the past experience of some sixty years. About that time the Baptist churches all over this country split on the question of Missions. They were about equally divided. One part set itself against Missions and any forward movement while the other turned with renewed effort to progressive work. The consequence has been that the anti-Mission churches have nearly all passed out of existence while the Mission churches have increased in numbers and power and influence a hundred fold. This is the inevitable result under the working of divine law. Let us learn this lesson from the sad fate of the anti-Mission churches that church activity is necessary to church life. Let us keep this truth before us lest we forget and we should fail of this great purpose of our Lord and he should come and remove our candle stick from us.

Report adopted.

On motion 7.30 p. m. is set for Report on Orphanage. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Higginbotham.

Adjourned to 7.30 p. m.

Evening Session.

Devotional Services conducted by Moderator reading three verses in 41st Psalms. Prayer by Bro. E. W. Barton.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee desire to submit some points, which to many, doubtless will appear to be, repetition; a mere copying from the Sixth Annual Catalogue of The Orphanage. In doing so, however, it is their hope thereby to emphasize forcefully

that such may remain fixed in the minds, in the hearts of our dear people.

We would say, first, for the benefit of any who are not familiar with the history of this grand and glorious work and institution: That in the very begining, the Board of Trustees, chose Bro. L. S. Foster Superintendant of the Orphanage, and later elected him President of the Board of Trustees. He with his wife, and corps of worthy assistants, have had an average of 55 children during the year; and are today, feeding, clothing, nursing and schooling 70 homelesss and fatherless boys and girls.

Let us restate that on the 12th day of May 1897, the Orphanage was opened in Jackson in a rented Cottage, with two boys and their mother as matron. Children began to come until no more could be received.

In the fall 1897 to escape the yellow fever the children were moved to West Jackson, the present site of "The Home." In March 1898 "The Moore Cottage" was built, and was soon overflowed with children, In the fall of 1898, "Buford Cottage" was built and occupied. The girls were assigned to "The Moore Cottage," and the boys to "The Bufford Cottage."

During October Bro. Foster and fourteen others were stricken down with yellow fever, but by God's mercy there was not a death. In the fall of 1899 the yellow fever again scourged the city, but again, by God's mercy, there was not a single case in the Orphanage. During this fall of 1899, "George Muller Cottage," a home for the President and family, was finished, and entered and occupied by them. On November 1, 1899, a marked change came, for on that day all rents ceased.

In September, 1900, another marked event is noted, when Miss Ruth Parnell became teacher, since when there has been a school of forty weeks each year. A great saving in health and otherwise.

During 1901 and 1902 "Jennings' Hall," a three-story brick building, with steam heating apparatus was built and

occupied, thus making room for 125 children. Furnishings for 12 rooms in "Jennings Hall" was aranged for at our late Annual State Convention.

The glory and joy at that arrangement will never be forgotten. That hour's work is of record today in heaven for some one. Dear friend, "is your name written there?"

Brethron, we would now remind you of the lad's multiplied loaves and fishes, by recalling that in 1897, in the beginning of this work, only five hundred dollars was in hand, but unlike in the parable, in the hands of a lad, this was in the hands of a man, and he in service of the "Father of the fatherless." (Psalms 19: 17). In 1897, in a rented cottage, with $500, five years trial and service, yellow fever scourge, movings, building, feeding, nursing, clothing, schooling homeless and fatherless boys and girls.

During the five years $36,000 cash has been received. The conservative estimate of the present value of the property is $34,000. Chartered in 1894, in the name of our Board of Trustees for the Baptist people of Mississippi, non-taxable and unincumbered. It has no endowment fund, and let all men everywhere know that it is not a State institution.

The President ever endeavors to give full information as to the work, but he never makes any direct appeals for help, preferring to depend entirely and directly upon God for all supplies.

Now, dear people of God! while all this is true, yet your committee must truthfully report that there is just now a slight shortage in cash for late current expenses. Would you help the Lord? If so herein lies your opportunity. Would you have pure religion and undefiled before God, then visit these orphans in their affliction. (James 1: 27). Remember, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he hath given He will pay him again." (Prov. 19: 17).

In conclusion, and in submitting to you this report, your committee doth most earnestly ask that this body recommend that each Church, Sunday School, Young People's Union

and Ladies' Aid Society, throughout the bounds of this Association, adopt a stated and systematic collection for "Our Orphanage." Respectfully,

After discussion by Brethren W. I. Hargis and D. D. Shuck a collection for the Orphanage was taken, amounting to $13.70. Prayer by Bro. Shuck. Report adopted.

On motion of Bro. W. I. Hargis the time of meeting was changed from Thursday to Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in September.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session, Saturday, September 13th. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W. I. Hargis.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following. Having examined the different reports made by Committees each year since '71 we find that they have invariably emphasized the importance of Sabbath Schools.

A better report has never been read before this body than the one read by Bro. A. J. Quinch in 1871 the year after the organization of this Association and the first report on the subject.

The reports since have been good and usually ably discussed but after a lapse of 31 years. Since the first report we find, according to last year's minutes, out of 23 churches 14 had Sunday Schools and 9 no schools. This shows rather slow progress in this great work.

Your committee thinks from these facts that we as a people are better on theory than practice and would urge our Brethren to consider the necessity as well as the importance

of the Sunday School and this necessity is emphasized a thousand fold by the general trend of the times and the disposition of the people to go off from God and to desecrate his Holy day. Brethren let's unite our hearts and efforts, cooperate with Bro. Leavell and by God's help have a Sunday School in every Baptist church within the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM.
E. W. BARTON.

Discussed by several Brethren including Bro. L. P. Leavell, Sunday School Missionary for this state, Bro. A. A. Lomax lead in special prayer for Bro. Leavell and his work.

Report adopted.

On motion a Sunday School board was appointed consisting of Brethren W. I. Hargis, D. C. Perkins, J. A. Woodruff, E. . Barton and R. A. McElroy.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It seems useless and unnecessary to insist on education. It has become an absolute necessity.

Demoninational schools are becoming more and more imperative. The world is even now recognizing the value of heart culture as well as mental culture, nowhere can one get a well rounded education but in our denominational schools.

It gives your committee unusual pleasure to say that Mississippi College has an endownment fund of $100,000. This with one of the finest faculties in the South, backed up by the prestige of the Lowreys makes Mississippi College an ideal school for our boys.

Blue Mountain Female College is an ideal place for girls. Without any reservation we can say that there is not a spot, place nor school on earth where we would rather our girls were educated. The high Christian character of the professors, the religious tone and the sweet fraternal atmosphere and home-like arrangements of this College are such that no

girl who desires the development of the highest type of Christian womanhood can afford to miss.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville is recomended to our preachers as a place for more extended research.

We do not mean to discriminate against other Baptist Schools, but we most heartily commend the above mentioned Colleges as the best.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. D. SHUCK.

S. R. LAMB.

Discussed by Brethren Lomax and L. P. Leavell. Report adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. D. C. Perkins: "Resolved, That this Association approve and recommend that each church, Sunday School, B. Y. P. Union and Ladies Aid Society throughout the bounds of this Association appoint a committee of two or more, to be known as the Orphanage Agitation Committee, and that said Committees be hereby urged to do what they can to awaken interest in the cause and advance the work of the Orphanage during the coming year."

Adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your Committee on Sustentation would invite the attention of the Association to a fact that is sometimes overlooked in our discussions. Surely to take care of our wornout preachers is not among the least obligations we owe to the world.

These men who have been called out from the different vocations of life and have left their farms and their merchandise to the command of their master stand as a mouthpiece for our Lord Jesus Christ to a dying world and after having spent many years of hard labor trying to lead men to Christ they grow old and feeble, tired and worn, they are as we sometimes say, laid on the shelf.

Preachers as a rule lay up nothing for a rainy day, in

fact very few make more than a bare living, hence when they are old and worn out, we should not turn them out upon the grass to be objects of charity on the unfriendly world. Therefore your committee recommends that the churches see to it that these gallant old war horses are cared-for in their declining days and that the gentle hand of love and care be always extended to them in a most hearty way.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. TAYLOR.
J. M. DAVIS.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for State Missions	$13 60
Received for Home Missions	9 90
Received fof Foreign Missions	3 65
Received for General Missions	34 20
Received for Minutes	30 50
Received for Clerk's fee	2 00
Total receipts	$93 85

B. B. MCCULLOUGH.
D. C. PERKINS.
T. L. BOYDSTON.
Committee.

Report Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To amount collected for Orphanage	$ 13 70
To amount subscription for Orphanage Gem	2 00
Total for Orphanage and Gem	15 70
To amount received from Finance Committee	93 85
Total in Treasury	$109 55

Report adopted.

Treasurer was instructed to pay out the money as designated by reports.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

Antioch	$ 5 00	Am't forwarded	$ 234 00
Big Springs	15 00	New Liberty	5 00
Bethany	45 00	Oxford	250 00
Bethel	12 00	Panola	200 00
Concord	25 00	Paris	8 00
Clear Creek	50 00	Pilgrim's Rest	25 00
Courtland	5 00	Shady Grove	10 00
Good Hope	50 00	Tocowa	15 00
Liberty Hill	12 00	Union	5 00
Mt. Gilead	5 00	Water Valley	400 00
Mt. Pisgah	10 00	Yocona	50 00
Amount forward	$234 00	Total	$1202 00

Respectfully Submitted

W. I. HARGIS, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The following messengers to corresponding bodies were appointed to wit: To Chickasaw Association, W. I. Hargis, R. C. McKinney and Terry Box. To the Yalobusha, W. I. Hargis, A. A. Lomax and H. W. Rockett. To the Coldwater, H. W. Rockett, D. C. Perkins, B. B. McCullough, A. A. Lomax and J. A. Woodruff.

To the Baptist State Convention, W. W. Dickens A. A. Lomax, H. L. Johnson, R. H. McElroy, W. I. Hargis, P. H. Lowrey, E. A. Jennings and J. L. Sisk.

On motion J. A. Woodruff was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and H. W. Rockett alternate.

Appointed Executive Board (see 3rd page).

Appointed Local Board (see 3rd page.)

On motion, Bro. H. L. Johnson was appointed alternate to preach introductory sermon at next meeting of this Association.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. D. C. Perkins and unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the Association by a rising vote express their earnest appreciation of the

generous and warm-hearted Christian entertainment extended to us by the pastor and members of the Bethany church and the people of the community of Harrison generally; it has been greatly enjoyed by us, may it prove such a blessing to them as it has been to us.

Called and corrected roll of delegates.

Read and adopted Minutes.

Sang "God be with you till we Meet Again," during which the parting hand was extended to Bro. H. L. Finley, who on account of failing health has decided to resign his position of missionary and colporter which he has so worthily filled for many years.

CHURCH RECORD.

CHURCHES.	Membership Last Year	INCR'SE By Letter	By Baptism	By restoration	Total	DECREASE By Letter	By Death	Excluded	By Erasure	Total	Present Membership	Pastor.	Post Office.	Clerk.	Post Office.	Days of Meeting.
Antioch	15										15					
Big Springs	59	2	4		6	5	1			4	61	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter	W. H. Boydston	Nolen	2nd Sunday.
Bethany	59	4	1		5	6	1		10	17	47	W. I. Hargis	University	I. H. Lowrey	Harrison	1st Sunday.
Bethel	75	11	10		21						96	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter	J. H. Johnsey	Water Valley	1st Sat. and Sun.
Clear Creek	104	6	18		24	12	3			15	113	J. R. Taylor	Taylor	E. H. Barry	Burgess	2nd Sat. and 4th Sun.
Courtland	18										18	J. W. Sturdivant	Senatobia	I. T. Woodruff	Courtland	
Concord		2	8		10	9	1			10	93	J. R. Taylor	Taylor	J. W. Higginbotham	Splinter	3rd Sunday.
Good Hope	98		4		4	4	1	2		7	95	J. W. Sturdivant	Senatobia	A. S. Woodruff	Batesville	2nd Sat. and Sun.
Liberty Hill	72		1		1		1	1		2	71	H. L. Johnson	Nolen	H. W. Burns	Fletcher	1st Sunday.
Mt. Pisgah	106	2	2		4	4	3	6		13	101	W. H. Carder	Harrison	P. J. Burkhalter	Harrison	2nd Sat. and Sun.
Mt. Gilead	28						1			1	27	H. L. Johnson	Nolen	A. F. Alexander	Water Valley	4th Sat. and Sun.
New Liberty	36					2				2	34	L. Linder	Banner	H. G. Martin	Water Valley	3rd Sunday.
Oxford	153	15	3		18	10	2			12	159	N. W. P. Bacon	Oxford	W. U Hampton	Oxford	Every Sunday.
Panola	66	4			4		3			3	67	A. A. Lomax	Batesville	W. B. Jeffress	Batesville	1st and 3rd Sunday.
Paris		4	1		5	5		1		6	27	Terry Box	Pine Valley	T. M. Box	Pine Valley	2nd Sat. and Sun.
Pilgrim's Rest	129		15	2	17	15	1			16	130	J. R. Taylor	Taylor	J. C. Broom	Shuford	1st Sunday.
Pope																1st Sunday.
Pisgah																1st Sunday.
Shady Grove	47	3		1	4	5	1			6	45					
Tocowa	26	1	3		4						30	H. W. Rockett	Harrison	J. D. Woodruff	Tocowa	4th Sunday.
Union	32		7		7	1	2			2	37					1st Sunday.
Water Valley	243	21	4	2	27	8	8	1		17	254	D. D. Shuck	Water Valley	P. B. Gooch	Water Valley	1st Sat. and Sun.
Yocona	61	1			1			8		8	54	B. C. Blailock	Coffeeville	J. L. Sisk	Taylor	Every Sunday.
																2nd Sunday.

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Yocona	61	1			1			8	8	54	B. C. Blailock	Coffeeville	J. L. Sisk	Water Valley	Taylor	Every Sunday. 2nd Sunday.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS. State	Home	Foreign	General	Miss. College	S. B. T. Seminary	Ministerial Education	Sustentation	Orphanage	Home Expenses	Pastor's Salary	Minutes and Clerk's fee	Visiting Ministers	S. School	Charity	Total.
Antioch										9 22		50				9 72
Big Springs	5 06		5 00						8 00	4 88	70 00	1 25	17 85			111 98
Bethany	10 00		10 70						26 41	76 20	107 50	2 00	16 15			248 96
Bethel	3 60	3 60	3 65						7 50	23 00	100 00	1 50	10 00			152 85
Concord	3 85		2 50								80 00	2 25	56 75			145 35
Clear Creek	23 00		20 00						5 00	16 00	100 00		28 25			192 25
Courtland		6 00								22 50	100 00	50		22 70		151 70
Good Hope	10 35	11 40	10 15		2 00					2 50	150 00		17 00	6 60		210 00
Liberty Hill											21 30	50		4 00		25 80
Mt. Gilead				5 00					5 00		40 00	1 00				51 00
Mt. Pisgah		1 90	2 50								75 00	75		2 40		82 55
New Liberty				5 00								1 00				6 00
Oxford	96 10	47 95	72 38				50 00	24 88	31 79	184 52	1000 00	3 50	210 00		60 00	1782 12
Pope																
Panola	31 90	24 25	50 00		39 25	15 00	5 00		119 35	96 00	350 00	3 00		35 55		769 30
Paris				6 00								40				6 40
Pilgrim's Rest			1 75									85				2 60
Pisgah																
Shady Grove				5 00								1 00				6 00
Tocowa	12 50									15 80	50 00		12 50	1 85		92 65
Union												1 00				1 00
Water Valley	170 00	120 00	124 00		5213 00		75 00		974 00	923 80	1000 00	3 50	201 00	60 00	30 00	8894 30
Yellow Leaf																
Yocona	16 50		25 00			5 00			35 50	45 00	111 00	2 50	12 50	9 55		262 05
Total	382 80	215 10	328 63	21 00	5354 25	20 00	130 00	24 88	1212 55	1476 42	3354 80	27 00	581 50	142 65	90 00	13204 58

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	Post Office.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Papers and Quar'lies taken	Baptized from Sunday School	Paid for Literature	No. of Months S. S. Held	Kind of Literature used
Antioch										
Bethel	J. T. Johnsey	Water Valley	5	65					12	S. B. C. Series.
Big Springs										
Bethany	H. B. Gowan	Harrison	3	36					12	S. B. C. Series.
Concord										
Clear Creek	H. L. Bunch	Burgess	3	54						S. B. C. Series.
Courtland	J. H. Jones	Courtland	2	21						S. B. C. Series.
Good Hope	B. B. McCullough	Batesville	5	35			3			S. B. C Series.
Liberty Hill	J. H. Cosby	Fletcher	3	43						S. B. C. Series.
Mt. Gilead										
Mt. Pisgah	C. P. Burkhalter	Harrison								S B. C. Series.
New Liberty										
Oxford	F. L. Riley	University	10	120			2			S. B. C. Series.
Panola	D. C. Perkins	Batesville	7	48	44	87		35 55	12	S. B. C. Series.
Paris	J. M. Kelley		4		40					S. B. C. Series.
Pilgrim's Rest	H. W. Byers	Reynolds	4	90			15			S. B. C. Series.
Shady Grove										
Tocowa	L. H. Shuford	Tocowa	5	43			3			Kind Words.
Union										
Water Valley	A. E. Jennings	Water Valley	10	100			2			S. B. C. Series.
Yocona	W. N. Hamilton	Taylor	4	57	30					S. B. C. Series.

Water Valley	A. E. Jennings	Water Valley	10	100			2			S. B. C. Series.
Yocona	W. N. Hamilton	Taylor	4	57	30					S. B. C. Series.